

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 17 are pending.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) as being anticipated by or unpatentable over Williams et al. (US 5,611,125). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Williams et al. describes an *outer* container for something like a casket. Williams et al.'s container is made of concrete, has a lid sealed thereon, and has an **angular** geometry. In contrast, the instant invention has nothing to do with burial vaults, but rather is directed to (rotary) *inner* container used in spinning procedures in household devices such as washing machines and dryers. In particular, the claimed container is in the form of a drum, i.e. it is cylindrical, or **round** about an axis (see e.g. *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*, enclosed).

The inner and outer walls of the instantly claimed container are made of thermoplastic which provide the container with sufficient mechanical strength to survive thousands of washing cycles. The mechanical strength of Williams et al.'s container comes mainly from the large amounts of concrete and the thermoplastic is only a coating against moisture. Williams et al. does not mention strength or thickness of inner and outer walls. Furthermore, concrete is provided for the instant invention as a counterweight to prevent undesired vibrations during fast rotation of the drum and can be replaced by other materials. This function would not have been suggested by the cited art.

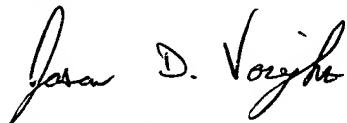
Therefore, the instant claims contain limitations not disclosed or suggested by Williams et al. and this rejection should be withdrawn.

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Marked-up version of amended claims to show changes made.

1. (amended) An inner container for a household device, [devices in the form of a drum composed of] said inner container comprising an inner and an outer wall with a shear-resistant connection between the two walls, where both the inner and outer walls have been built up from a thermoplastic, and where said inner container is in the form of a drum.



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larger parachute out of storage attached to the end of a long flexible plane in flight and into which it is fitted so as to receive fuel from [A]F, fr. ML *directum*, fr. LL, near at DRESS] (15c) : a legal right (*right*) n [F, right of the lord] (1825) : right of feudal lord to have sexual relations with his wife's maid — *scamp*, fr. MF *drolle*, fr. MD, *impischal*, or odd quality — *drollement* r diverts : JESTER, COMEDIAN un : SPORT (1597) 1 : something that is droll; b : a usu. brief comic show or entertainment : JEST 2 : the act or an instance of *sarcasm* humor [ippodrome] 1 : racecourse (motorized place [aerodrome]) — *tram*, n, pl. *trams* [ME *dromedarius*, fr. L *dromas*, dramed, *trahere*] 2 : a horse racing track, esp. one having equal speed and trained especially for racing [rm] [NL *-dromus*, fr. Gk *-dromos*, *-tromos*] 1 : trān, akin to OHG *treno* drone, male of a bee (as the honeybee) — *oney* — see HONEYBEE illustration others : PARASITE 3 : a pilotless led by radio signals 4 : DRUDGE (1900) 1 : a to make a sustained ringing sound b : to talk in a persistent way to pass, proceed, or act in a determined manner (droned on for months) ~ 2 : ironing 2 : to pass or spend in dullness *(dropped away the precious year)* v *'drō-nēj-lē* adv ained or monotonous sound : hum instrument (as one of the fixed-pitch continuous unvarying tones) [rivel] vi (1802) 1 a : to secrete saliva b : to make an effusive show ~ vt : to express sentimentally or gning from the mouth 2 : NONSENSE [ON *drupa*; akin to OE *dropa* drop downward 2 : to sink gradually 3 : LANGUISH ~ vi : to let droop appearance of drooping tress (13c) 1 : drooping or tendency , fr. OE *dropa* — more at DREARY 2 : fluid that falls in one spherical mass issued by drops; specif : a solution of a minute quantity or degree of concentration c : a small quantity of drink d : a measure 2 : something that resembles an ornament attached to a piece of jewelry a pendant b : a small globular object or an instance of dropping ; falling c : a descent by parachute; also : by parachute d : a central point (as mail) is brought for distribution for the deposit and distribution of substance from a higher to a lower level e : a fall of electric potential to be dropped 6 [*drop*] : something a movable plate that covers the key scenes of cloth stage scenery; also : on a gallows d : a fallen fruit *(dropped)* covered with a firearm; broadly used in the phrase get the drop on he slightest provocation is given 7 : a part so small as to be negligible; bel. 12c) 1 : to fall in drops 2 : descend (2) : to descend from one into a state of collapse or death c of the obligation to follow suit 3 : to enter or pass as if into a state, condition, or activity (drove be of concern) : LAPSE (let the matter dropped) — often used with off current — usu. used with down current — usu. used with down current — usu. used with down current a : to give up (as an idea) b : break off c : to break off an association (a failing student) 3 a : to undergo suggestion) (~ names) b : write or cause to descend from one level (or wheels) in preparation for landing or decrease; REDUCE (dropped) give birth to 6 a : LOSE (dropped game) b : SPEND (~ \$20 for lunch or a blow b : to cause (a high card) into a hole or basket 8 a : to set off — usu. used with off b : AIR-CONDITIONED 9 : to sound ss loud 10 a : to leave (a letter) unded (~ the g in running) b : to

drowsy \drouz\ adj drows-i-er; -est (1530) 1 : ready to fall asleep b : inducing or tending to induce sleep c : INDOLENT, LETHARGIC 2 : giving the appearance of peaceful inactivity — **drowsi-ly** \z-s-i-l\ adv — **drowsi-ness** \z-s-i-n\ n

drub \drub\ vb drubbed; **drub-bing** [perh. fr. Ar *daraba*] vt (1634) 1 : to beat severely (as with a cudgel) 2 : to abuse with words: BERATE (the book was drubbed by every critic) 3 : to defeat decisively ~ vi : DRUM, STAMP — **drub-ber** n — **drub-bing** n

drudge \drdj\ vb drudged; **drudg-ing** [ME *druggen*; prob. akin to OE *dréogan* to work, endure, L *firmus* firm] vi (14c) : to do hard, menial, or monotonous work ~ vt : to force to do hard, menial, or monotonous work — **drudg-er** n

drudge n (15c) 1 : one who is obliged to do menial work 2 : one whose work is routine and boring

drudgery \drdj-(s)-er\ n, pl. -er-ies (1550) : dull, irksome, and fatiguing work: uninspiring or menial labor **syn** see WORK

drudging \drdj-ing\ adj (1548) : MONOTONOUS. TIRING — **drudg-ing-ly** \-in-le\ adv

drug \drdg\ n [ME *drogge*] (14c) 1 a **obs** : a substance used in dyeing or chemical operations b : a substance used as a medication or in the preparation of medication c according to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (1) : a substance recognized in an official pharmacopoeia or formulary (2) : a substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease (3) : a substance other than food intended to affect the structure or function of the body (4) : a substance intended for use as a component of a medicine but not a device or a component, part, or accessory of a device 2 : a commodity that is not salable or for which there is no demand — used in the phrase *drug on the market* 3 : something that causes addiction or habituation — **drug-gy** \drag-é\ adj

drug vb drugged; **drug-ging** vi (1605) 1 : to affect with a drug; esp : to stupefy by a narcotic drug 2 : to administer a drug to 3 : to full or stupefy as if with a drug ~ vi : to take drugs for narcotic effect

drug dial past of DRAG

drug-get \drdg\ n [MF *droguet*, dim. of *drogue* trash, drug] (1580) 1 : a wool or partly wool fabric formerly used for clothing 2 : a coarse durable cloth used chiefly as a floor covering 3 : a rug having a cotton warp and a wool filling

drug-gie \drdg-é\ n (1967) : one who habitually uses drugs

drug-gist \drdg-ist\ n (1611) : one who sells or dispenses drugs and medicines: as a : PHARMACIST b : one who owns or manages a drug-store

drug-mak-er \drdg-mák-kér\ n (1964) : one that manufactures pharmaceuticals

drug-store \stó(s)ar, -stó(s)r\ n (1810) : a retail store where medicines and miscellaneous articles (as food, cosmetics, and film) are sold : PHARMACY

drugstore cowboy n (1925) 1 : one who wears cowboy clothes but has had no experience as a cowboy 2 : one who loafes on street corners and in drugstores

druid \drüd\ n, often cap [L *druides*, *druidae*, pl. fr. Gaulish *druides*; akin to OE *trēow* tree] (1563) : one of an ancient Celtic priesthood appearing in Irish and Welsh sagas and Christian legends as magicians and wizards — **drui-dic** \drüid-ik\ or **drui-di-cal** \-i-kál\ adj, often cap

druid-ism \drüd-is, -dz\ or \n, often cap (1715) : the system of religion, philosophy, and instruction of the druids

drum \drum\ n [prob. fr. D *trom*; akin to MHG *tronne* drum] (1541) 1 : a percussion instrument consisting of a hollow shell or cylinder with a drumhead stretched over one or both ends that is beaten with the hands or with some implement (as a stick or wire brush) 2 : TYMPANIC MEMBRANE 3 : the sound of a drum; also : a sound similar to that of a drum 4 : something resembling a drum in shape: as a : a cylindrical machine or mechanical device or part b : a cylindrical container; specif : a usu. metal container for liquids having a capacity between 12 and 110 gallons c : a disk-shaped magazine for an automatic weapon 5 : any of various percoid fishes (family *Sciaenidae*) that make a drumming noise — **drum-like** \-lik\ adj

drum vb **drummed**; **drum-ming** vi (1583) 1 : to make a succession of strokes or vibrations that produce sounds like drumbeats 2 : to beat a drum 3 : to throb or sound rhythmically 4 : to stir up interest: SO-LICIT ~ vt 1 : to summon or enlist by or as if by beating a drum (*drummed into service*) 2 : to dismiss ignominiously: EXPEL — usu. used with out 3 : to drive or force by steady effort or reiteration (*drummed the speech into her head*) 4 a : to strike or tap repeatedly b : to produce (rhythmic sounds) by such action

drum n [ScGael *drum* back, ridge, fr. OIr *drumim*] (1725) 1 chiefly Scot : a long narrow hill or ridge 2 : DRUMLIN

drum-beat \drdm-bét\ n (1855) 1 : a stroke on a drum or its sound 2 : vociferous advocacy of a cause — **drum-beat-er** \-r\ n — **drum-beat-ing** \-in\ n

drum-fire \drdm-fí(r)\ n (1916) 1 : artillery firing so continuous as to sound like a drumroll 2 : something suggestive of drumfire in intensity: BARRAGE (a ~ of publicity)

drum-head \-hed\ n (1622) 1 : the material (as skin or plastic) stretched over one or both ends of a drum 2 : the top of a castanet that is pierced with sockets for the levers used in turning it

drumhead court-martial n [fr. the use of a drumhead as a table] (1835) : a summary court-martial that tries offenses on the battlefield

drum-lin \drdm-lín\ n [IrGael *drum* back, ridge (fr. OIr *drumim*) + *lin* (alter. of *ling*)] (ca. 1833) : an elongate or oval hill of glacial drift

drum 1: 1 bass, 2 snare (orchestral), 3 snare (parade)